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In re Application of :  
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This is a communication in response to counsel's telephone inquiry to correct a Notification of Acceptance which incorrectly accorded a filing date of 04 April 2000 to the above-identified application papers. No petition fee is required.

A decision mailed 01 February 2002 stated that the Notification of Acceptance (FORM PCT/DO/EO/903) mailed on 01 August 2001 in this case was **VACATED**. The decision indicated that the correct 35 U.S.C. 371 date is 23 March 2001.

On 02 May 2002, a new Notification of Acceptance (FORM PCT/DO/EO/903) was mailed incorrectly indicating that the 35 U.S.C. 371 requirements were received on 04 April 2000. That Notification of Acceptance is hereby **VACATED**.

The application is being returned to the DO/EO/US for processing in accordance with this decision for according the national stage papers a receipt date of **23 March 2001** and issuance of a new Notification of Acceptance (FORM PCT/DO/EO/903) indicating a 35 U.S.C. 371 date of **23 March 2001** and for a corrected filing receipt indicating a "Filing Date" of 23 March 2001.

  
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